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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

A UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT INFRA-RED DETECTOR CELLS TO POLAND

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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document No. 3765.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the United Kingdom proposal to export two infra-red detector cells to Poland. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that he had not yet received final instructions. His authorities would be grateful for certain additional specifications of the equipment concerned: time constant, spectrum sensitivity, operating range, and composition.
3. The ITALIAN Delegate said that his authorities had no objection to this export in view of its destination and civilian end-use.
4. The FRENCH Delegate said that his authorities raised no objection to this export but would appreciate more information as to the frequency range of the detector cells and also as to whether their wave length was above 12,000 Angstroms and if so, by how much.
5. The GERMAN Delegate observed that these cells were caught by an item to which the usual minimum shipments cut-off did not apply, but his authorities nevertheless raised no objection since only two cells were concerned.
6. The NETHERLANDS Delegate said that his authorities were not altogether happy about this request because the detector cells could be used for military purposes. They would associate themselves with the majority of the Committee on this question.
7. There were no objections from the other Members of the Committee and the UNITED KINGDOM Delegate expressed his thanks for the favourable replies which had been given.

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